

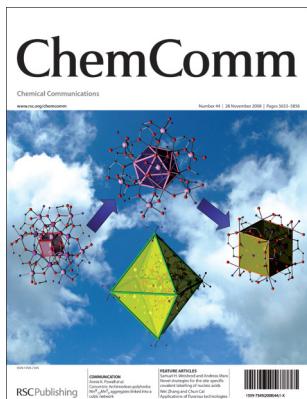
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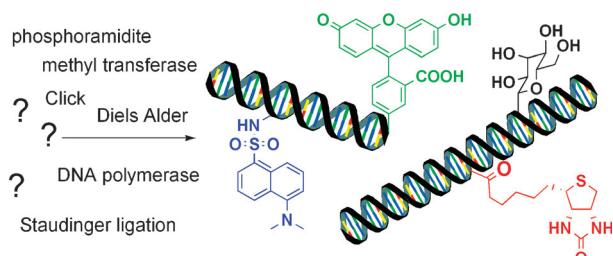
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### Novel strategies for the site-specific covalent labelling of nucleic acids

Samuel H. Weisbrod and Andreas Marx\*

This review highlights recent reports of nucleic acid functionalization.

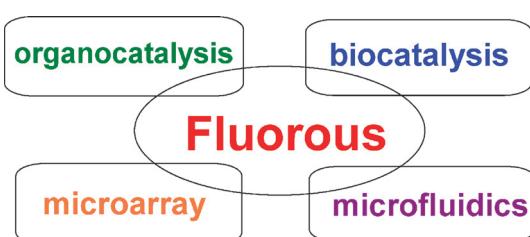


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### New chemical and biological applications of fluorous technologies

Wei Zhang\* and Chun Cai

Fluorous technology is a fast growing research area. This feature article highlights the new applications of fluorous technologies in organocatalysis, biocatalysis, microarray and microfluidic systems.



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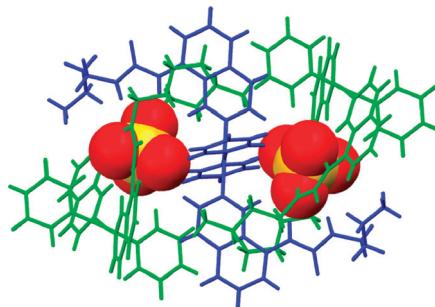


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**Metal–organic anion receptors: *trans*-functionalised platinum complexes**

Matthew G. Fisher, Philip A. Gale,\* Mark E. Light and Stephen J. Loeb\*

The anion complexation properties of a *trans*-functionalised platinum(II) complex have been studied revealing a high affinity for sulfate in solution and 3 : 2 receptor : sulfate complex formation in the solid state.

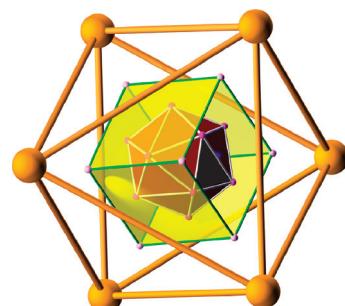


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**Concentric Archimedean polyhedra:  $\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}_{12}\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}_9$  aggregates linked into a cubic network**

Sanjit Nayak, Yanhua Lan, Rodolphe Clérac, Christopher E. Anson and Annie K. Powell\*

A  $\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}_{12}\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}_9$  aggregate has a structure built up of concentric polyhedra with these units linked into a cubic network to give a remarkably pleasing structure isotopic with iron pyrites.

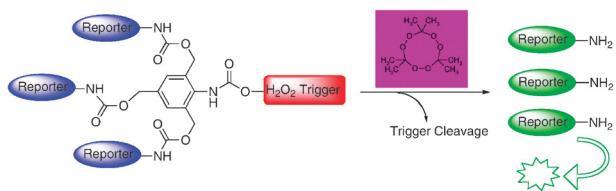


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**Self-immolative dendritic probe for direct detection of triacetone triperoxide**

Eran Sella and Doron Shabat\*

A new self-immolative dendritic probe directly detects triacetone triperoxide through amplification of a single cleavage event initiated by one molecule of hydrogen peroxide into multiple release of fluorogenic end-groups.

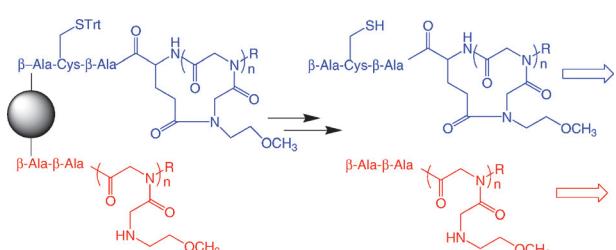


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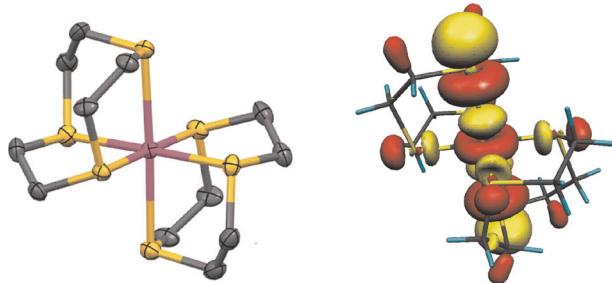
**Encoded combinatorial libraries for the construction of cyclic peptoid microarrays**

Yong-Uk Kwon and Thomas Kodadek\*

A “one bead two compound” approach to the synthesis of encoded cyclic peptoid libraries is reported.



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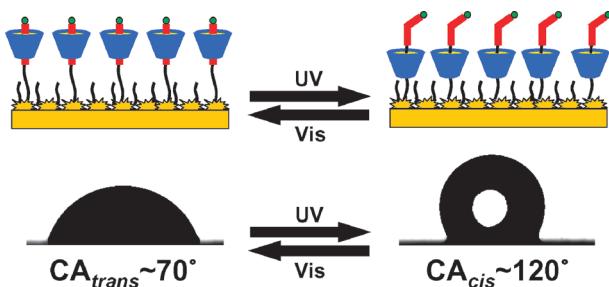


**The structural characterisation and elucidation of the electronic structure of the mononuclear Pt(III) complex  $[\text{Pt}([\text{9}] \text{aneS}_3)_2]^{3+}$  ( $[\text{9}] \text{aneS}_3 = 1,4,7\text{-trithiacyclonane}$ )**

Emma Stephen, Alexander J. Blake, E. Stephen Davies, Jonathan McMaster\* and Martin Schröder\*

The structure of the six co-ordinate Pt(III) complex,  $[\text{Pt}([\text{9}] \text{aneS}_3)_2](\text{PF}_6)_3$ , possesses a distorted octahedral  $\text{S}_6$  co-ordination sphere; EPR and DFT studies reveal a Pt  $5\text{d}_{z^2}$  ground state with significant axial S-character in the SOMO.

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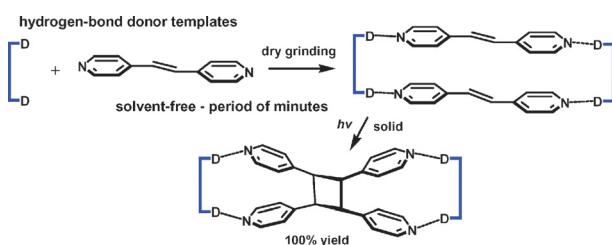


**Tuning surface wettability through photocontrolled reversible molecular shuttle**

Pengbo Wan, Yugui Jiang, Yapei Wang, Zhiqiang Wang and Xi Zhang\*

A photocontrolled molecular shuttle SAM based on an  $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin ( $\alpha$ -CD)/azobenzene inclusion complex on rough gold surfaces is fabricated, which can reversibly switch the surface wettability by transferring external energy (light) to molecular mechanical motion.

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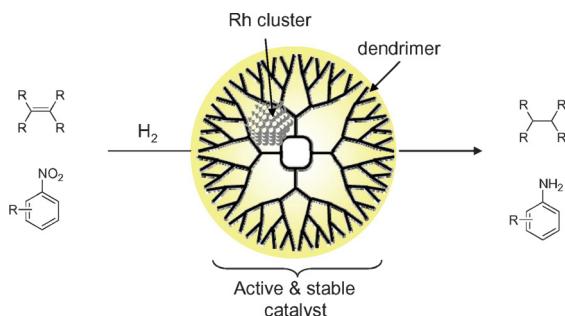


**General application of mechanochemistry to templated solid-state reactivity: rapid and solvent-free access to crystalline supermolecules**

M. B. J. Atkinson, D.-K. Bučar, A. N. Sokolov, T. Friščić, C. N. Robinson, M. Y. Bilal, N. G. Sinada, A. Chevannes and L. R. MacGillivray\*

Mechanochemistry is successfully applied to template-controlled solid-state reactivity so as to afford reactive supramolecular assemblies under solvent-free conditions and in periods of minutes.

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**Nanocage catalysts—rhodium nanoclusters encapsulated with dendrimers as accessible and stable catalysts for olefin and nitroarene hydrogenations**

Ikuse Nakamura, Yoshinori Yamanoi, Tetsu Yonezawa, Takane Imaoka, Kimihisa Yamamoto\* and Hiroshi Nishihara\*

The feature of rhodium nanocage catalysts encapsulated with dendrimers is that substrates can pass through the branches of the protecting groups without releasing nanoclusters.

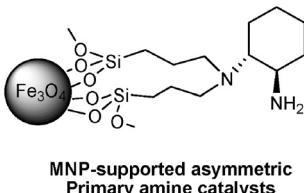
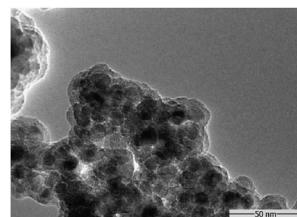


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### Asymmetric bifunctional primary aminocatalysis on magnetic nanoparticles

Sanzhong Luo,\* Xiaoxi Zheng and Jin-Pei Cheng\*

MNP-supported chiral primary amine catalysts were developed and evaluated as asymmetric bifunctional enamine catalysts in direct aldol reaction, showing essentially unchanged activity and stereoselectivity after 11 recycles.

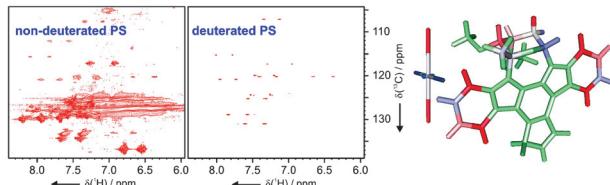


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### Deuterated polymer gels for measuring anisotropic NMR parameters with strongly reduced artefacts

Grit Kummerlöwe, Sebastian Knör, Andreas O. Frank, Thomas Paululat, Horst Kessler and Burkhard Luy\*

Residual dipolar couplings as anisotropic NMR parameters are a powerful tool for structure determination, but they can only be measured inside a suitable anisotropic matrix. The deuterated, stretched polystyrene (PS) introduced here represents such a matrix with which spectra of unprecedented quality are obtained.

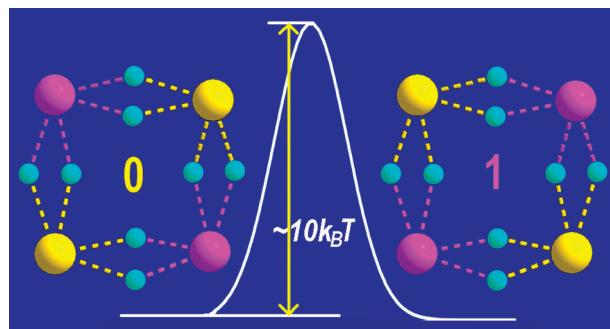


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### A mixed-valence $(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}})_2(\text{Fe}^{\text{III}})_2$ square for molecular expression of quantum cellular automata

Yonggang Zhao, Dong Guo, Yang Liu, Cheng He and Chunying Duan\*

A di-mixed-valence molecular square  $(\text{Fe}^{\text{II}})_2(\text{Fe}^{\text{III}})_2$  with two extra mobile electrons (or holes) occupying the opposite corners is achieved *via* self-assembly as a pure phase with remarkable stability for molecular expression of quantum cellular automata (QCA).

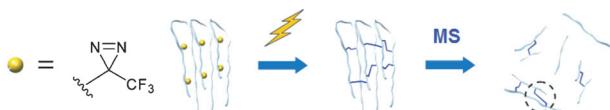


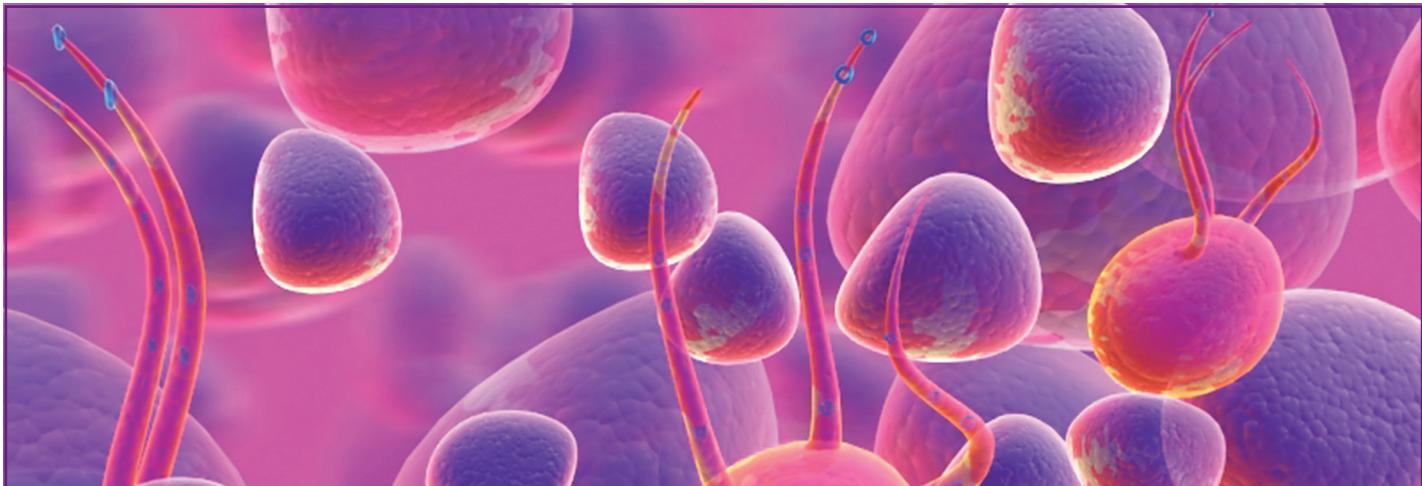
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### Trifluoromethyl diazirine: an effective photo-induced cross-linking probe for exploring amyloid formation

David P. Smith, Jon Anderson, Jeffrey Plante, Alison E. Ashcroft, Sheena E. Radford, Andrew J. Wilson\* and Martin J. Parker\*

Ion mobility spectrometry–mass spectrometry combined with photo-induced cross-linking of site-specifically incorporated trifluoromethyl diazirine facilitates structural characterisation of amyloid fibrils.





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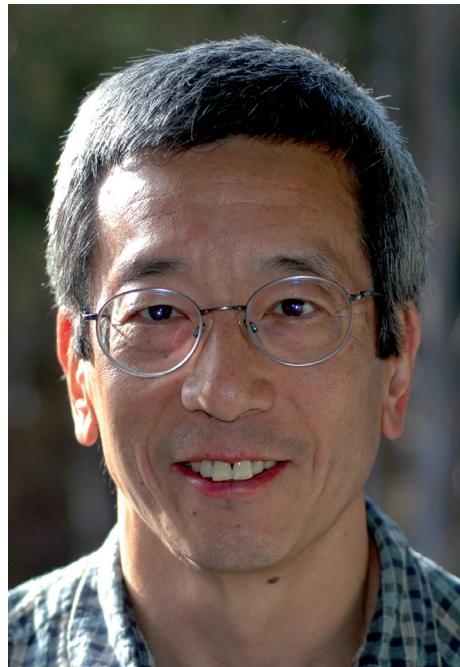
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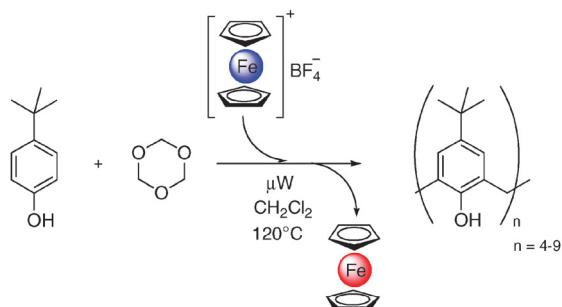


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**Ferrocenium salts mediate *para*-*tert*-butylcalixarene synthesis**

Sean P. Bew,\* Myles R. Cheesman and Sunil V. Sharma

An innovative synthesis of calixarenes is mediated *via* a 17-electron metallocene salt in an efficient, high yielding one-pot or convergent protocol.

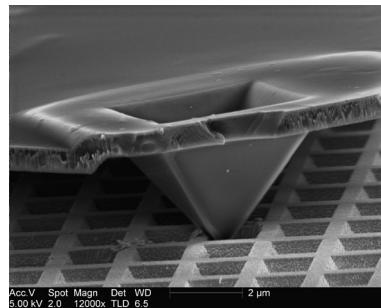


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**Dip-pen nanolithography and SERRS as synergic techniques**

Robert J. Stokes, Jennifer A. Dougan and Duncan Graham\*

The powerful combination of dip-pen nanolithography (DPN) performed on non-flat plasmonic gold surfaces and subsequent detection by surface enhanced resonance Raman scattering (SERRS) is demonstrated. The inherent sensitivity of this true nano-spectroscopy means it is an ideal readout tool for high density DPN generated biosensor arrays.

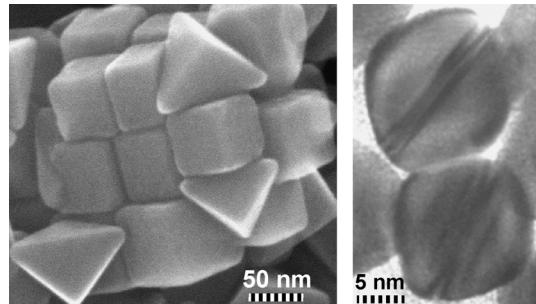


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**Direct structural transformation of silver platelets into right bipyramids and twinned cube nanoparticles: morphology governed by defects**

Matthew McEachran and Vladimir Kitaev\*

Transformation pathways of silver platelets to right bipyramids and twinned cubes in conditions that preserve original 2-D structural defects in resulting 3-D morphologies are elucidated based on optical spectroscopy and electron microscopy evidence.

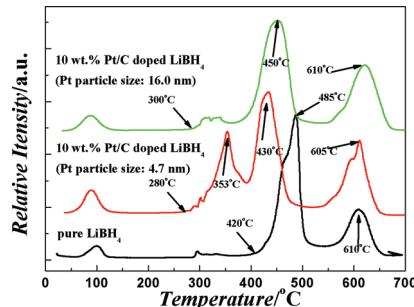


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**Enhanced dehydrogenation of LiBH<sub>4</sub> catalyzed by carbon-supported Pt nanoparticles**

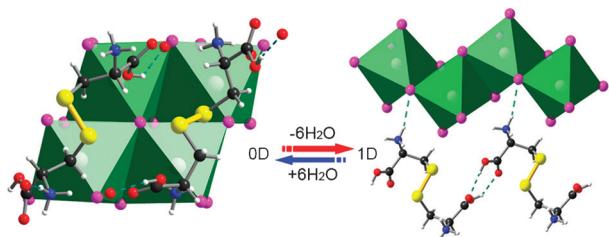
Juan Xu, Xuebin Yu, Zhiqing Zou, Zhilin Li, Zhu Wu, Daniel L. Akins and Hui Yang\*

The catalytic dehydrogenation of LiBH<sub>4</sub> doped with carbon-supported Pt nanoparticles shows that smaller Pt nanoparticles result in greater enhanced catalytic dehydrogenation of LiBH<sub>4</sub> than do larger Pt nanoparticles.





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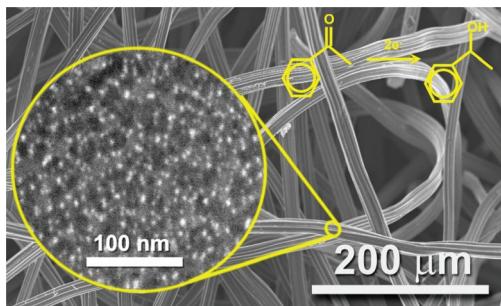
**Reversible dynamic isomerism change in the solid state, from  $\text{Bi}_4\text{I}_{16}$  clusters to  $\text{BiI}_4$  1D chains in L-cystine based hybrids: templating effect of cations in iodobismuthate network formation**

Wenhua Bi and Nicolas Mercier\*

The templating effect of cations in iodobismuthate hybrids is highlighted by a unique reversible dynamic isomerism change from  $\text{Bi}_4\text{I}_{16}$  clusters to  $\text{BiI}_4$  chains in the solid state.



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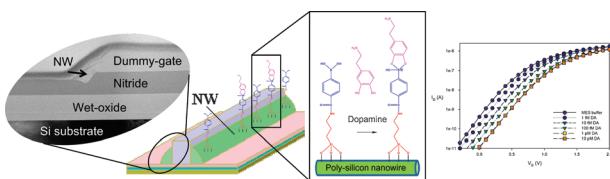
**Electrodeposition of a palladium nanocatalyst by ion confinement in polyelectrolyte multilayers**

Miguel Vago, Mario Tagliazucchi, Federico J. Williams and Ernesto J. Calvo\*

A highly efficient and selective material for electrocatalytic hydrogenation has been prepared by depositing monodisperse palladium nanoparticles of size ( $6 \pm 1$ ) nm by electrochemical reduction of  $\text{PdCl}_4^{2-}$  confined in a polyelectrolyte multilayer film.



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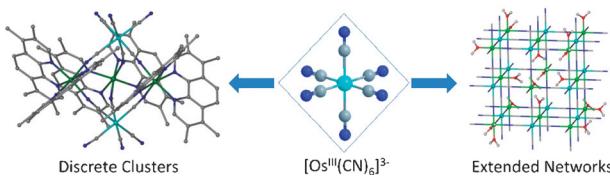
**Ultrasensitive detection of dopamine using a polysilicon nanowire field-effect transistor**

Chih-Heng Lin, Cheng-Yun Hsiao, Cheng-Hsiung Hung, Yen-Ren Lo, Cheng-Che Lee, Chun-Jung Su, Horng-Chin Lin, Fu-Hsiang Ko, Tiao-Yuan Huang and Yuh-Shyong Yang\*

An unprecedented high sensitive sensing of neurotransmitter dopamine at fM level was demonstrated using a phenylboronate-functionalized polycrystalline silicon nanowire field-effect transistor housed in a microfluidic channel.



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**Hexacyanoosmate(III) chemistry: preparation and magnetic properties of a pentanuclear cluster and a Prussian blue analogue with Ni(II)**

Matthew G. Hilfiger, Michael Shatruk, Andrey Prosvirin and Kim R. Dunbar\*

The hexacyanoosmate(III) anion was used to prepare a pentanuclear cyanide bridged molecular cluster with ligand-protected Ni(II) ions as well as the corresponding Prussian blue phase from a reaction with aqueous Ni(II) ions.

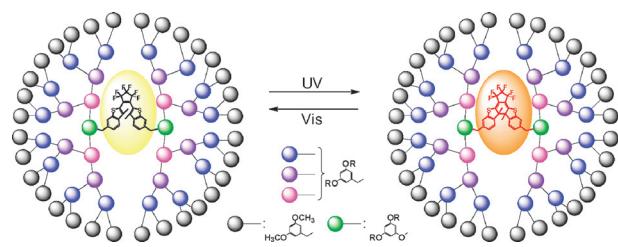


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### Dendrimer diarylethenes: the memory effect of conformation in polymer matrices

Yuhei Fujimoto, Takashi Ubukata and Yasushi Yokoyama\*

Photochromic dendrimer diarylethenes were synthesized: the strong memory effect of cyclizable conformation of the open form generated from the closed form by visible light irradiation in polycarbonate films was observed.

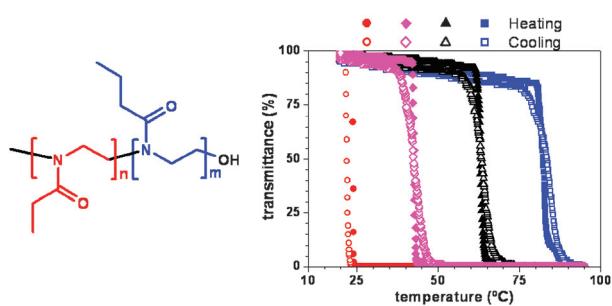


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### Tuning the LCST of poly(2-oxazoline)s by varying composition and molecular weight: alternatives to poly(*N*-isopropylacrylamide)?

Richard Hoogenboom,\* Hanneke M. L. Thijs, Mark J. H. C. Jochems, Bart M. van Lankveld, Martin W. M. Fijten and Ulrich S. Schubert\*

The tunable LCST of random poly(2-oxazoline)s based on 2-ethyl-2-oxazoline and 2-*n*-propyl-2-oxazoline shows no hysteresis nor concentration dependence making them suitable alternatives to PNIPAM.

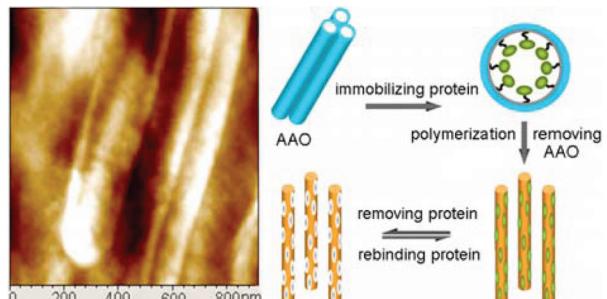


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### Surface molecularly imprinted nanowire for protein specific recognition

Ruihuo Ouyang, Jianping Lei and Huangxian Ju\*

A surface molecularly imprinted nanowire is designed by chemical polymerization of dopamine in neutral aqueous solution, which shows high binding capacity and acceptable specific recognition behavior towards template proteins.

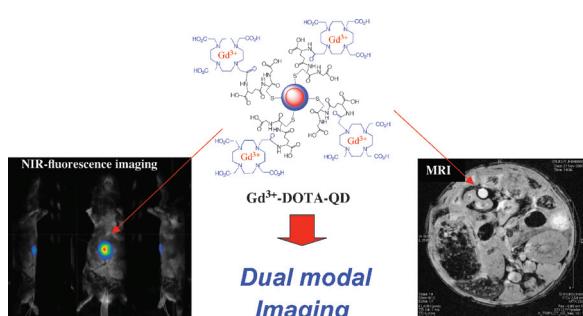


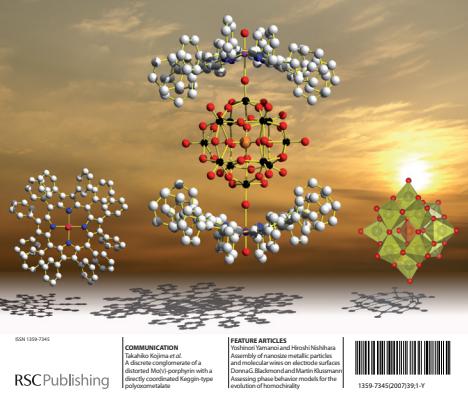
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Takashi Jin,\* Yoshichika Yoshioka, Fumihiro Fujii, Yutaka Komai, Junji Seki and Akitoshi Seiyama

Gd<sup>3+</sup>-functionalized near-infrared emitting quantum dots were synthesized as a dual modal contrast agent for *in vivo* fluorescence imaging and magnetic resonance imaging.





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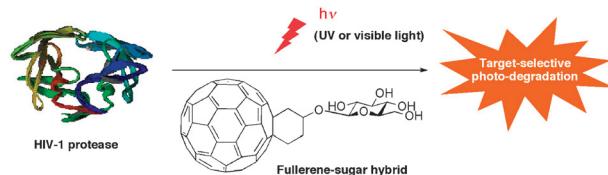
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### Target-selective photo-degradation of HIV-1 protease by a fullerene-sugar hybrid

Shuho Tanimoto, Satoshi Sakai, Shuichi Matsumura, Daisuke Takahashi and Kazunobu Toshima\*

A designed fullerene-sugar hybrid effectively and selectively degraded the target protein, HIV-1 protease, which has high affinity for the fullerene moiety. Degradation was achieved using long-wavelength UV or visible photo-irradiation, in the absence of any additives and under neutral conditions.

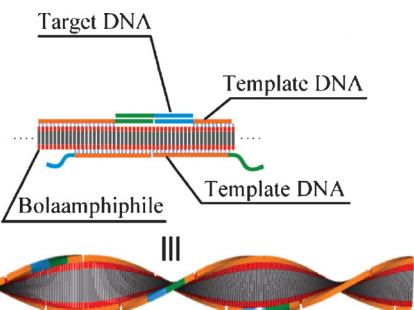


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### Nanofiber formation from sequence-selective DNA-templated self-assembly of a thymidylic acid-appended bolaamphiphile

Rika Iwaura,\* Mayumi Ohnishi-Kameyama and Toshimi Shimizu\*

Here we describe the formation of DNA sequence-selective supramolecular nanofibers which were obtained only in the presence of the target oligonucleotide by the quaternary self-assembly of thymidylic acid-appended bolaamphiphile **1**, with heteropolymeric oligonucleotides as templates.

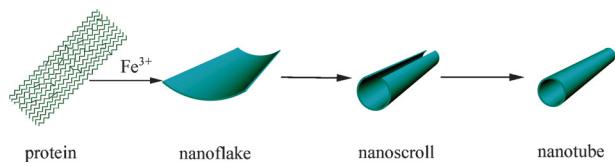


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### Egg albumin as a nanoreactor for growing single-crystalline Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanotubes with high yields

Baoyou Geng,\* Fangming Zhan, Han Jiang, Yijun Guo and Zhoujing Xing

Single-crystalline Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanotubes have been synthesized successfully by using egg albumin as a nanoreactor. These three-dimensional material nanotubes are formed through a rolling mechanism under mild biological conditions.

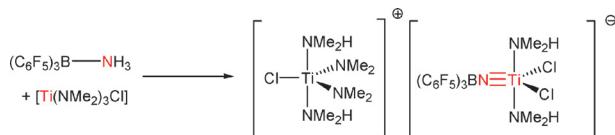


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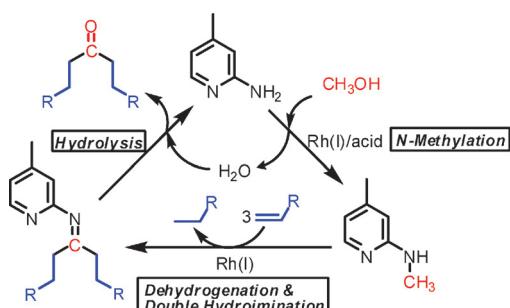
Anna-Marie Fuller, William Clegg, Ross W. Harrington, David L. Hughes and Simon J. Lancaster\*

The crystalline ion-pair [TiCl(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(NMe<sub>2</sub>H)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>[TiCl<sub>2</sub>{NB(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>}(NMe<sub>2</sub>H)]<sup>-</sup>, in which the anion has a triply bonded nitridoborato ligand, is formed through the multiple activation of H<sub>3</sub>N·B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> when treated with [Ti(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Cl].





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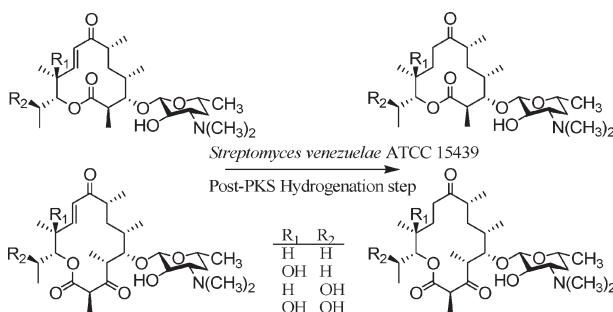
**Rhodium(I)-catalyzed one-pot synthesis of dialkyl ketones from methanol and alkenes through directed  $\text{sp}^3$  C–H bond activation of  $N$ -methylamine**

Eun-Ae Jo, Ji-Hyun Lee and Chul-Ho Jun\*

Chelation-assisted double hydroacylation of methanol with alkenes through  $N$ -methylation was developed using a catalytic system consisting of  $\text{Rh}(\text{I})$ , 2-amino-4-picoline and benzoic acid to afford symmetric dialkyl ketones.



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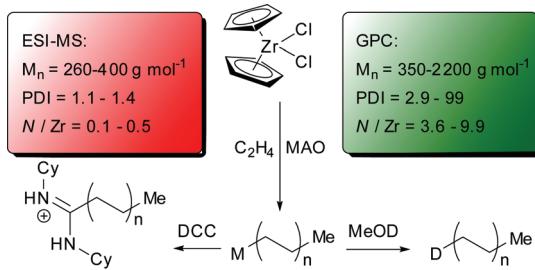
**Exploiting the natural metabolic diversity of *Streptomyces venezuelae* to generate unusual reduced macrolides**

Je Won Park, Hong-Se Oh, Won Seok Jung, Sung Ryeol Park, Ah Reum Han, Yeon-Hee Ban, Eun Ji Kim, Han-Young Kang and Yeo Joon Yoon\*

The discovery of an unusual set of reduced macrolide antibiotics by combination of organic synthesis and a biosynthetic approach using the unique metabolic diversity of *Streptomyces venezuelae* is described.



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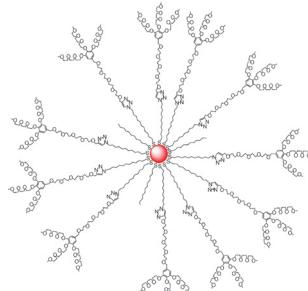
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Beth Moscato and Clark Landis

Polyethylene distributions observed by ESI-MS following the quench of ethylene polymerizations with *N,N'*-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide disagree with results from conventional analytical techniques. Systematic biases signify that ESI-MS analysis alone cannot yield meaningful reaction kinetics.



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**How to very efficiently functionalize gold nanoparticles by “click” chemistry**

Elodie Boisselier, Lionel Salmon, Jaime Ruiz and Didier Astruc\*

Difficulties previously encountered in the very useful “click” functionalization of gold nanoparticles (AuNPs) resulting in low yields are now overcome by using specific conditions that provide quantitative “click” reactions between azidoalkylthiolate-AuNPs with various hydrophilic and hydrophobic alkynes.

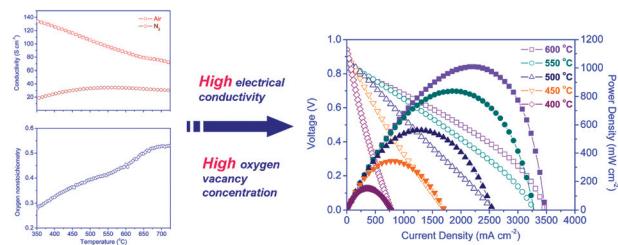


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### A novel efficient oxide electrode for electrocatalytic oxygen reduction at 400–600 °C

Wei Zhou, Zongping Shao,\* Ran Ran, Wanqin Jin and Nanping Xu

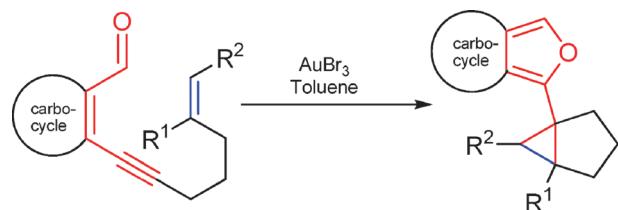
A novel  $\text{SrNb}_{0.1}\text{Co}_{0.9}\text{O}_{3-\delta}$  electrode material, which possesses not only high electrical conductivity but also large oxygen vacancy concentration at 400–600 °C, shows an excellent performance in the application of reduced temperature solid-oxide fuel cells.



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### Regioselectivities in alkyne activation: synthesis of 2-(bicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-1-yl)furan derivatives by Au-catalyzed cyclization and cyclopropanation

Chang Ho Oh,\* Su Jin Lee, Ji Ho Lee and Yoon Jung Na  
2-Alkynyl-1-cycloalkenecarbaldehydes, in the presence of gold catalysts, undergo auratic cyclization *via* the 5-*exo*-*dig* mode to form Au-carbene intermediates which react with a double bond to form the corresponding cyclopropanes.

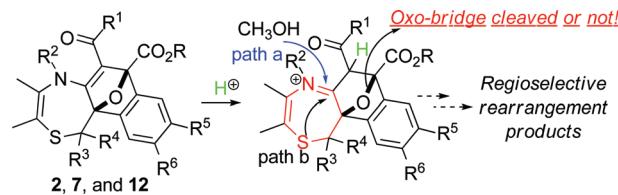


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### Thiazepine moiety-controlled regioselective rearrangements of 7-oxanorbornadiene derivatives

Hanfeng Ding, Yiping Zhang, Weijun Yao, Duanjun Xu and Cheng Ma\*

We have discovered thiazepine moiety-controlled regioselective skeletal rearrangements of 7-oxanorbornadiene derivatives (**2**, **7** and **12**) with high regioselectivity and/or diastereoselectivity in the presence of Brønsted acid.

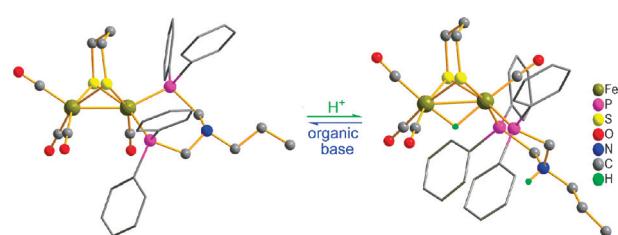


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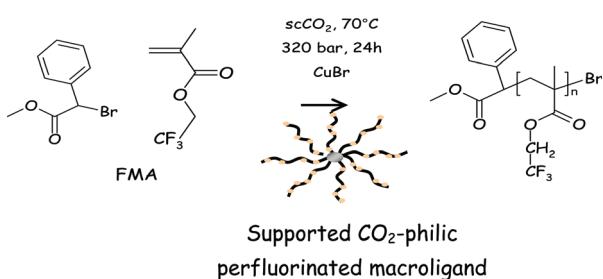
Ning Wang, Mei Wang,\* Tingting Zhang, Ping Li, Jihong Liu and Licheng Sun\*

A diiron complex holding a  $\mu$ -hydride on the iron atoms and a proton on the basic site of a chelating ligand was prepared and crystallographically characterized as a structural model of the [FeFe]-hydrogenase active site.





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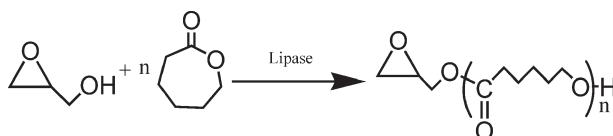
### Supported ATRP of fluorinated methacrylates in supercritical carbon dioxide: preparation of $\text{scCO}_2$ soluble polymers with low catalytic residues

Bruno Grignard,\* Cédric Calberg, Christine Jérôme, Wenxin Wang, Steven Howdle and Christophe Detrembleur\*

Fluorinated polymers with well defined molecular weight and low polydispersity were prepared in supercritical carbon dioxide by supported ATRP using a copper salt ligated to a polymeric fluorinated ligand immobilised onto silica.



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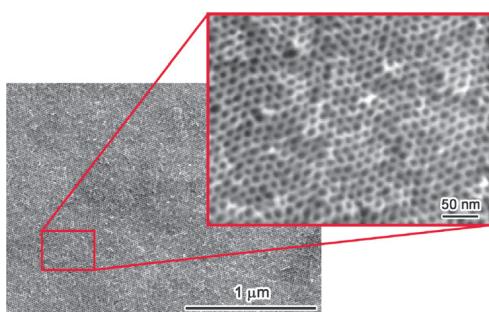


### Epoxy functionalised poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone): synthesis and application

Jiaxiang Zhou, Wenxin Wang, Silvia Villarroya, Kristofer J. Thurecht and Steven M. Howdle\*

Glycidol is used as an initiator for ring-opening polymerisation of  $\epsilon$ -caprolactone to synthesise epoxy-functionalised poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone) in a reaction catalysed by lipase, and the epoxy-functionalised PCL was further copolymerised with carbon dioxide or anhydride to produce novel graft or hyperbranched copolymers.

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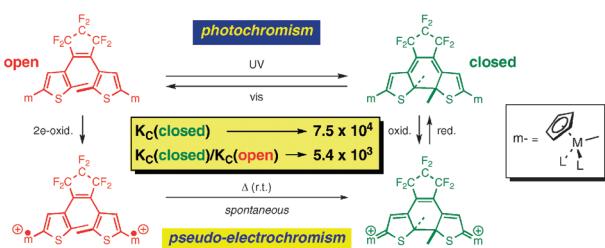
### Preparation of a self-standing mesoporous carbon membrane with perpendicularly-ordered pore structures

Ken'ichi Kimijima, Akari Hayashi and Ichizo Yagi\*

A self-standing mesoporous carbon membrane with perpendicularly-ordered pore structures was prepared through a simple synthetic method, including a process of drying and use of a porous alumina support.



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### Remarkable switching behavior of bimodally stimuli-responsive photochromic dithienylethenes with redox-active organometallic attachments

Keiko Motoyama, Takashi Koike and Munetaka Akita\*

Organometallic dithienylethenes with the redox-active  $M(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{L}_2$ -type attachments ( $M = \text{Fe}, \text{Ru}; \text{L} = \text{CO}, \text{PR}_3$ ) exhibit bimodally stimuli-responsive, photo- and pseudo-electrochromic behavior with a remarkable switching performance.

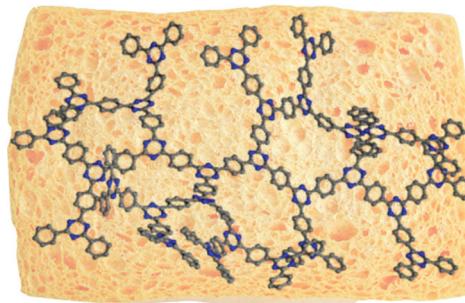


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**“Everything is surface”: tunable polymer organic frameworks with ultrahigh dye sorption capacity**

Pierre Kuhn,\* Kathleen Krüger, Arne Thomas and Markus Antonietti

Carbonaceous polymer networks with tunable porosity were found to behave as exceptional adsorbents toward large organic molecules such as organic dyes.

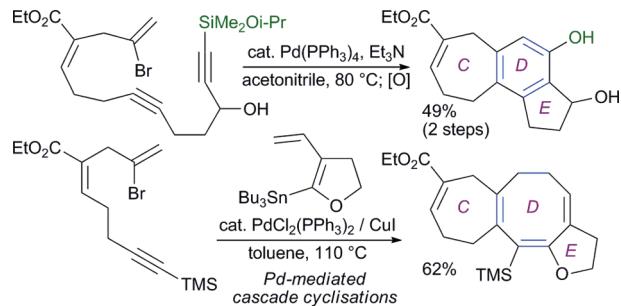


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**A palladium-mediated cascade cyclisation approach to the CDE cores of rubriflordilactone A and lancifodilactone G**

Marie-Caroline A. Cordonnier, S. B. Jennifer Kan and Edward A. Anderson\*

Palladium-mediated cascade cyclisation reactions have been applied to the synthesis of the CDE-ring cores of two anti-HIV natural products, rubriflordilactone A and lancifodilactone G. In addition, several unusual pericyclic cascade processes are reported.

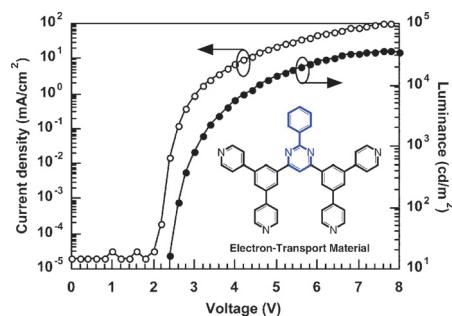


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**2-Phenylpyrimidine skeleton-based electron-transport materials for extremely efficient green organic light-emitting devices**

Hisahiro Sasabe, Takayuki Chiba, Shi-Jian Su, Yong-Jin Pu, Ken-ichi Nakayama and Junji Kido\*

2-Phenylpyrimidine skeleton-based electron-transport materials are designed and synthesized and extremely efficient green PHOLEDs are developed. The devices show efficiencies of 128 lm W<sup>-1</sup> at 100 cd m<sup>-2</sup>.

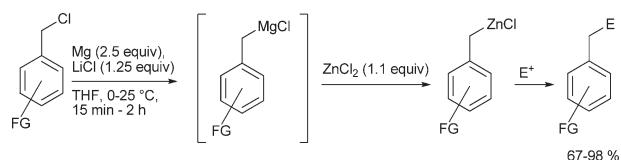


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**Polyfunctional benzylic zinc chlorides by the direct insertion of magnesium into benzylic chlorides in the presence of LiCl and ZnCl<sub>2</sub>**

Albrecht Metzger, Fabian M. Piller and Paul Knochel\*

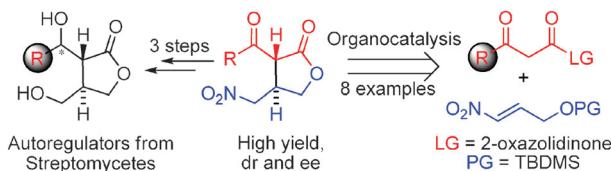
Benzylic zinc chlorides bearing various functional groups are smoothly prepared by the direct insertion of magnesium into benzylic chlorides in the presence of LiCl and ZnCl<sub>2</sub>.



FG: CN, CO<sub>2</sub>Et, OMe, SMe, Cl, F, CF<sub>3</sub>



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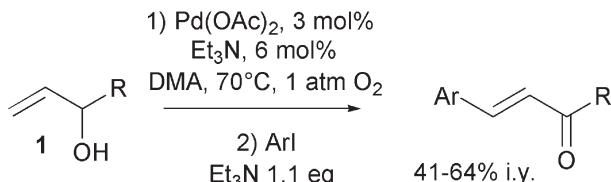
### A modular and organocatalytic approach to $\gamma$ -butyrolactone autoregulators from Streptomyces

Petteri Elsner, Hao Jiang, Johanne B. Nielsen, Filippo Pasi and Karl Anker Jørgensen\*

A general and efficient synthesis of optically active  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone autoregulators has been developed.



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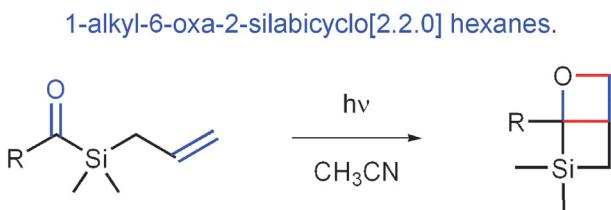
### One single catalyst, $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ , for two sequential very different steps: allylic alcohol oxidation–Heck reaction. Access to functionalised $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketones

Frédéric Batt, Christel Gozzi\* and Fabienne Fache\*

Two very different reactions, allylic alcohol oxidation and Heck reaction, were performed in a one-pot sequential procedure with only one single addition of  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ .



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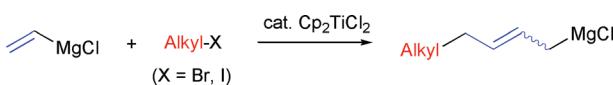
### New 6-oxa-2-silabicyclo[2.2.0]hexanes by photochemical conversion of acyl(allyl)(dimethyl)silanes

Catherine Hammaecher and Charles Portella\*

Under photochemical activation acyl(allyl)silanes are converted, in anhydrous acetonitrile, into new type heterobicyclo[2.2.0] hexanes: 1-alkyl-6-oxa-2-silabicyclo[2.2.0] hexanes.



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### Titanocene-catalyzed alkylative dimerization of vinyl Grignard reagent using alkyl halides

Yuuki Fujii, Jun Terao,\* Yuichiro Kato and Nobuaki Kambe\*

Dimerization of vinyl Grignard reagents and concomitant alkylation with alkyl halides have been achieved by using  $\text{Cp}_2\text{TiCl}_2$  as a catalyst.

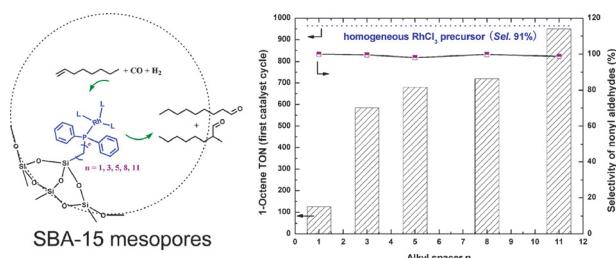


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### Lengthening alkyl spacers to increase SBA-15-anchored Rh-P complex activities in 1-octene hydroformylation

Wei Zhou and Dehua He\*

The alkyl spacer was lengthened in heterogenizing a Rh-P complex into mesoporous silicate SBA-15 to increase the immobilized catalyst activities in 1-octene hydroformylation to comparable homogeneous counterpart.

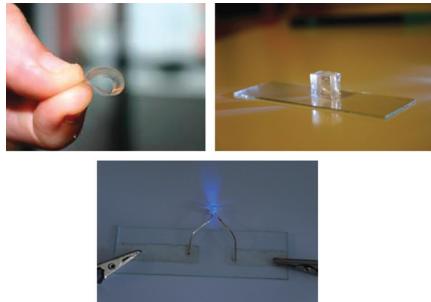


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### Ion jelly: a tailor-made conducting material for smart electrochemical devices

Pedro Vidinha,\* Nuno M. T. Lourenço, Carlos Pinheiro, Ana R. Brás, Tânia Carvalho, Teresa Santos-Silva, Abhik Mukhopadhyay, Maria J. Romão, Jorge Parola, Madalena Dionisio, Joaquim M. S. Cabral, Carlos A. M. Afonso and Susana Barreiros\*

Ion jelly is a new concept for the design of a polymeric conducting material combining the chemical versatility of an organic salt (ionic liquid) with the morphological versatility of a biopolymer (gelatin).

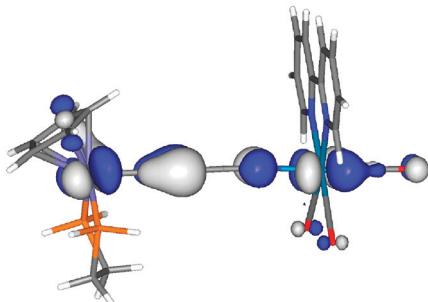


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### Facile photoinduced charge separation through a cyanoacetylide bridge in a heterobimetallic Fe(II)-Re(I) complex

M. E. Smith, E. L. Flynn, M. A. Fox, A. Trottier, E. Wrede, D. S. Yufit, J. A. K. Howard, K. L. Ronayne, M. Towrie, A. W. Parker, F. Hartl and P. J. Low\*

Fe-to-bpy charge transfer in  $[\{Cp(dppe)Fe\}(\mu-C\equiv CC\equiv N)\{Re(CO)_3(bpy)\}]PF_6$  has been observed by ps-TRIR spectroscopy and spectroelectrochemistry.



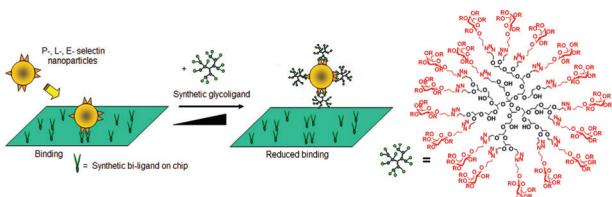
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### An alternative approach to develop a highly sensitive and selective chemosensor for the colorimetric sensing of cyanide in water

Xiaoding Lou, Liyao Zhang, Jingui Qin\* and Zhen Li\*

By utilizing an indirect trick, zincon was found to be a “novel” highly sensitive and selective chemosensor for cyanide in pure aqueous solutions, with a detection limit of 0.13 ppm and a color change that could be observed by the naked eyes (A: control; B: cyanide; C–K: other anions).





### Modular synthesis of multivalent glycoarchitectures and their unique selectin binding behavior

Ilona Papp, Jens Dernedde, Sven Enders and Rainer Haag\*

Click chemistry allows the simple preparation of novel, multivalent galactose modified polyglycerols in high yields, independent of their surface functionality ( $R = -OH$  and  $-SO_3^- Na^+$ ). These glycoligands are remarkably strong selectin inhibitors ( $IC_{50}$ : 1 nM) as revealed by a surface plasmon-resonance based competitive binding assay.

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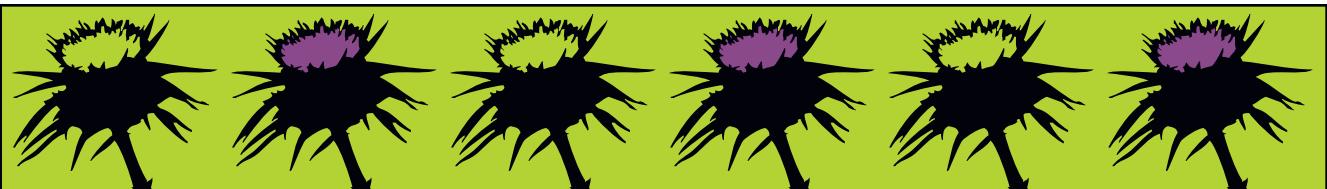
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